

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Multidirectional Memory: Remembering for Social Justice – MultiMemo
Participant:	Fundacja Formy Wspólne (FW)
PIC number:	887404792

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 27
Event name:	WALK AND PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS TO COMMEMORATE THE JEWISH CEMETERY IN BRÓDNO
Type :	cemetery walk, meeting with presentation of the project
In situ/online:	In-situ
Location:	Poland, Warsaw
Date(s):	23.04.2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://formywspolne.org/WYDARZENIA https://www.facebook.com/events/235998178965662?ref=newsfeed https://www.facebook.com/forumdialogu/posts/pfbid026KEfvPH7UKigppmgKHYNhSWjyYJGmSb1HQw9ms67iKJPfTPA6vF3wUHM3V5ZcgWdI https://www.facebook.com/warszawskizaulek/posts/pfbid02HtfDy9kRFHYB49XtmyjHsaTthC66v4kw16PWqK5wcXk5YDyoR4Cv9mG5L88evKjal https://zapomniane.org/en/actions/ https://zapomniane.org/dzialania/ https://centralt.pl/project/multimemo-pamiec-wielokierunkowa/ https://centralt.pl/en/project/multimemo-multidirectional-memory/ https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/multimemo-pl/ https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/en/home/
Participants	
Female:	38
Male:	17
Non-binary:	0

From country 1 (Polska):	53		
From country 2 (Sweden)	2		
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Total number of participants:	55	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<p>The event took place in Warsaw on April 23th, 2023.</p> <p>The purpose of the event was to present to Varsovians, local community and activists, what can be done to restore the sacred character of Warsaw's oldest Jewish cemetery at Brodno, deprived of matzevot (40 000 of which lie in piles on its grounds). How to expose each one of those matzevot as an archive of Jewish community and the history of the city, while observing rules of halacha, and at the same time take advantage of the qualities of nature that has taken possession of it over the decades.</p> <p>The event began with a walking tour of the cemetery, where guests had the opportunity to learn about the location of the project and all the constraints associated with designing in such a place. The walk was led by the director of the cemetery, who recounted the history of the cemetery and outlined all complicated issues surrounding the current situation, which gave an idea of the problems associated with pre-war Jewish material heritage, post-war neglect and deliberate efforts to obliterate the community's legacy.</p> <p>In the second part of the event, we took our guests to the nearby cultural centre - the Praga Museum of Warsaw (our external partner in this project), where we presented our conceptual project for the restoration of the cemetery. On this occasion, we explained all the rules of working in accordance with Jewish law and the issues related to the consultation process when working with sites with a difficult history. Finally, we listened to the comments of the meeting's participants and over lunch we discussed this project and other solutions for the operation of similar sites - cemeteries devoid of matzevot and treated for decades as park areas.</p> <p>The event was attended by representatives of local community, activists from foundation Forum for Dialogue (4 persons), scholars from anthropology and cultural studies (2 persons), 3 engineers who discussed technical aspects of the potential construction, conservator of monuments (1 person), representatives of Jewish community from Sweden (2 persons), Representatives of Jewish community of Warsaw (4 persons), 3 architects</p> <p>Agenda of the event:</p> <p>11:00 – 12:30</p> <p>Walking tour through Bródno Jewish cemetery</p> <p>13:00 – 14:00</p>			

Meeting and presentation of the cemetery restoration project at The Praga Museum of Warsaw

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch and discussion